



REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Hideji Tajima, et al.

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For: Carrier Holding Micro-Substances,

System Suspending Such Carriers, Apparatus for Manipulating Such Carriers and Method of Controlling

Positions of Such Carriers

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 IN RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Advisory Action mailed on December 2, 2005, and also in reply to the "final" Office Action mailed on June 15, 2005. Applicants are enclosing a Petition for a 3-month time extension, with the corresponding extension fee. Applicants have previously paid filing fees in an amount sufficient to cover all of the claims that are now pending, and thus no additional filing fee is due in association with the submission of this Amendment.